

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/727,338  
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Applicant: Akisato Kimura  
Group Art Unit: 2626  
Examiner: Angela A. Armstrong  
Title: Signal Compression Method, Device, Program, and  
Recording Medium; and Signal Retrieval Method, Device,  
Program, and Recording Medium  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2009, please consider the remarks set forth below.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.